



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 7202
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 25, 2017

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIVISION OF POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 division of postsecondary educational programs within the technical
3 high school system established pursuant to section 10-95 of the general
4 statutes. The division shall administer any postsecondary educational
5 program that (1) was offered at a technical high school during the
6 school year commencing July 1, 2016, or (2) is approved by the
7 technical high school system board on or after the effective date of this
8 section.

9 (b) Any student admitted for enrollment in a postsecondary
10 educational program administered by the division shall have a high
11 school diploma or its equivalent, or be twenty-one years of age or
12 older.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which creates a postsecondary vocational division of the Connecticut Technical High School System, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. The State Department of Education's FY 17 appropriation included funding of approximately \$97,000 for one Educational Consultant to fulfill the duties contained in the bill. However, this position is currently vacant.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact and replaces it with the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7202 (as amended by House "A")*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.****SUMMARY**

This bill creates a postsecondary educational division of the Connecticut Technical High School System (i.e., "system") to administer any postsecondary educational program that (1) a technical high school offered during the 2016-17 school year or (2) the system board approves on or after July 1, 2017. The system currently operates postsecondary programs in aviation maintenance and licensed practical nursing.

The bill requires that any student enrolled in these programs either (1) have a high school diploma or its equivalent or (2) be over age 21.

*House Amendment "A" (1) establishes a postsecondary educational division rather than a postsecondary vocational division; (2) removes the following from the original bill (a) specific references to aviation maintenance and licensed practical nursing programs, (b) a provision that the programs will be considered postsecondary for the purposes of conforming with federal regulations, and (c) specific references to federal regulations; and (3) provides that the division of postsecondary education will administer any postsecondary programs that (a) a technical high school offered during the 2016-17 school year or (b) the system board approves on or after July 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

HB 6583 (File 453), reported favorably by the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, also establishes a postsecondary vocational division within the system to provide an aviation maintenance program.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/22/2017)